

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 19, 2000

Ms. Clair Beckmann, Treasurer Bob Greenlee for Congress Committee 2060 Broadway, Suite 400 Boulder, CO 80302

RE: MUR 5030

Dear Ms. Beckmann:

On June 12, 2000, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe The Bob Greenlee for Congress Committee ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit such materials to the General Counsel's Office within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, the Commission has also decided to offer to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved.

If you are interested in expediting the resolution of this matter by pursuing preprobable cause conciliation, and if you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return the agreement, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact William Messenger, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Darryl R. Wold, Chairman

Enclosures
Factual and Legal Analysis
Procedures
Designation of Counsel Form
Conciliation Agreement

cc: Bob Greenlee

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FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

MUR: 5030

RESPONDENT:

Bob Greenlee for Congress Committee and

Clair Beckmann, as Treasurer

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires principal campaign committees of candidates for federal office to notify in writing either the Commission or the Secretary of the Senate, as appropriate, and the Secretary of State of the appropriate state of each contribution totaling \$1,000 or more, received by any authorized committee of the candidate after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before, any election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A). The Act further requires notification to be made within 48 hours after the receipt of such a contribution, which must include the name of the candidate, the office sought, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor. Id.

Notification of these contributions is in addition to all other reporting requirements. 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(6)(B).

The General Election in the state of Colorado was held on November 3, 1998. Pursuant to the Act, the Bob Greenlee for Congress Committee ("the Committee") was required to notify the Commission, in writing, of all contributions of \$1,000 or more received between October 15, 1998 and October 31, 1998, within 48 hours of their receipt. A review of Schedule A of the Committee's 1998 30 Day Post-General Report identified twenty-two (22) contributions received

by the Committee between October 15, 1998 and October 31, 1998 of \$1000 or more totaling \$29,000.66. This amount includes eleven (11) contributions from individuals totaling \$11,000, and eleven (11) contributions from political committees totaling \$18,000.66. The Committee failed to submit 48-Hour Notices for these contributions. In addition, the Committee filed a 48-Hour Notice for a contribution received on October 27, 1998, from the Bank One National PAC in the amount of \$1000. However, an amended 48-Hour Notice filed by the Committee on November 9, 1998, disclosed that the actual amount of the contribution was \$2,000. Thus, \$1000 was not disclosed in a timely manner.

Therefore, there is reason to believe that the Bob Greenlee for Congress Committee and Clair Beckmann, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(6)(A) by failing to report campaign contributions of \$1,000 or more, received after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before the general election, within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution.